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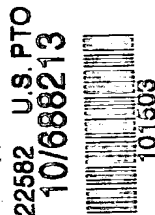
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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Regular application claiming priority of a provisional)

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b):

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR NETWORK BASED ALLOWANCE CONTROL**

Assigned to: Apple Computer, Inc.

Priority of U.S. provisional application No. 60/465,410 filed on April 25, 2003 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **34** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ **10** Sheets of informal Drawings
- ☐ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ Separate Declaration

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
  - ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
  - ☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
  - ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
  - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
  - ☐ Preliminary Amendment
  - ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

**PLEASE DEFER FILING FEES**

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. APL1P287).

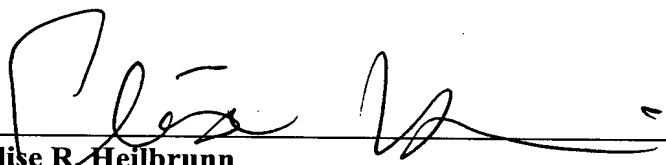
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